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## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

In response to the office action mailed July 12, 1999, kindly enter the following amendment:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 2 to 5, line 1 of each, delete "1" and substitute -- 6 - -.

Claim 2, line 4, insert "on the diazabicycloalkene nucleus".

Claim 4, line 1 after "used", delete - - in the first step -

-, and at line 1 after "catalyst", insert - -in the first step -

Claim 5, Iine 1 after "reaction", insert - - of the first

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